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*For
Winter
Gardens*

BRECK'S

*Suggests
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AMARYLLIS

BRECK'S GIANT AMERICAN HYBRIDS

THE large flowers are composed of broad, well-rounded, overlapping petals and range in color from crimson to orange-scarlet and from rose to white in the richest of self-colorings, as well as in combinations of stripes and variegations.

Plant the bulbs in soil of the quality of Breck's Prepared Potting Soil, in a pot but little larger in diameter than the bulb itself, with about two-thirds of the bulb above the soil-surface. Water but once thoroughly after planting in order to settle the soil firmly around the bulb, and then set it away in a cool place until it starts to grow. When the plant shows an inch or two of growth it should be set in a light window in a warm room and given plenty of water until the flowering season is over. We offer the choicest mixed colors only. 65c each; \$7.50 per doz.

CALLA LILIES

Well-known flowering plants, easily raised from bulbs. Their chief requirements are a location in a warm, light room and a generous supply of water.

Æthiopica. Old-fashioned White Calla or Lily-of-the-Nile. Jumbo bulbs, 50c each; \$5.00 per doz.

Elliottiana. Golden Calla. Pure golden yellow flower. Foliage distinctly spotted white. Mammoth bulbs, 50c each; \$5.00 per doz.

Godefreyana. Everblooming Calla. Flowers smaller than the common Calla. Blooms freely and continuously. 50c each; \$5.00 per doz.

What Have You Done about Your Winter Window-Garden?

ALSO REMEMBER THE GIFT SEASON IS COMING

HYACINTHS

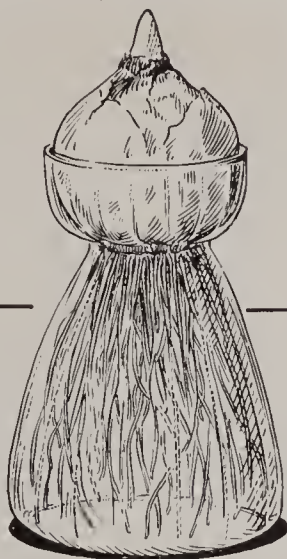
HYACINTHS grow best in pots or bulb-pans. Plant the bulbs singly in 5-inch pots, or four or five bulbs in 8-inch bulb-pans. The soil used should be a compost made up of rich garden loam, leaf-mould, and sand. Breck's Prepared Potting Soil is just such a mixture. Place a few pieces of a broken pot or some other similar material in the bottom of the pot or pan for drainage.

Pot so that the top of the bulb will be about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch under the surface of the soil and water immediately. Then set away in a cool, dark place until the pot or pan is well filled with roots. This will be eight weeks or more. The floor of a cold cellar or garage provides a very good storage place, or the pots may be placed in a coldframe and completely covered with sifted ashes or sand. Be sure they are not brought into a warm atmosphere until ample root-growth is made. This is important.

Hyacinths may also be grown on glasses containing nothing but clear water. Use the Giant Hyacinth bulbs. Remove all loose skins and free the hollow in the base of the bulb of all dried roots and soil. Then place it on a glass filled with clear water. The root plate should be close to, but not touching the water. Then place the glass in a cool, dark place, allowing it to remain in such a spot until the roots have reached the bottom of the glass and until a stout bud has risen from the top of the bulb to a height of at least 3 inches. Add fresh water frequently to offset evaporation. When the root and top-growth indicated above have been made (usually in about eight weeks), remove the glasses to a light, warm location. Do not make this change too soon.

HYACINTH GLASSES

The growing of Hyacinths on glasses, containing nothing but clear water, is a pastime which is both delightful and intriguing. It may easily be done. Hyacinth Glasses in green, rose and amber are 35c each.



HYACINTHS • Grand Maitre

GIANT HYACINTHS

(For growing either in soil or on glasses)
20c each; \$2.00 per doz.; \$15.00 per 100

Bismarck. Light China blue. Very popular shade.

Gertrude. Bright pink. Large compact truss. The best pink variety.

Grand Maitre. Lavender-blue, shaded violet.

La Grandesse. Silvery white. Large bells on an enormous truss.

La Victoire. Bright carmine-rose.

Lady Derby. An extra-fine bright rose variety.

Yellow Hammer. Large truss of rich golden yellow flowers.

EARLY FRENCH ROMAN HYACINTHS

These may be grown in the manner described above or in fancy bulb-bowls, using Breck's Bulb Fibre. They may be kept cool and brought into the living-room at intervals, and because of the succession of flower-spikes from each bulb, they will remain in bloom for a long time.

Early White Roman. Mammoth bulbs, \$2.00 per doz.; \$15.00 per 100.

Virginia. Rich new shade of porcelain-blue in Roman Hyacinths. Each bulb produces several spikes of dainty light blue bells, forming a most attractive plant. \$2.40 per doz.; \$18.00 per 100.

Royal Scarlet. A lovely variety with graceful trusses of a pleasing glowing scarlet shade. Of exceptional value due to its unusually early habit of bloom. \$1.75 per doz.; \$13.00 per 100.

OXALIS

Lovely little bulbous plants for hanging-pots. Plant six to eight bulbs to a depth of 1 inch in a 5-inch pot. 50c per doz.; \$3.50 per 100

Cernua. Bermuda Buttercup. Large, clear yellow flowers.

Grand Duchess, Alba. Pure white. **Grand Duchess, Rosea.** Deep pink.

Grand Duchess, Lavender. Large. **Grand Duchess, Yellow.**



OXALIS • Grand Duchess



ROMAN HYACINTH • Virginia



PAPER-WHITE NARCISSUS

For the growing of bulbs in pebbles and water we offer in our stores a **pleasing** selection of colored pottery bowls in various sizes.

BRECK'S LIBERTY BELLS

THE GIFT THAT IS ALWAYS WELCOME

SOLVE the problem of having a continuous supply of Lilies-of-the-Valley throughout the entire Autumn and Winter. Our Standard Bowls are ideal for Christmas, birthday, and Easter gifts, or for friends who are sick. They can be shipped any time, regardless of weather. Breck's Standard Bowls have a refill container (a special feature of our own), and when the first pips are through flowering, order refills direct from us. They bloom in about three weeks from planting.

Order blanks for refills accompany every shipment, and many customers order refills in lots of 3, 4, 5, and 6, for shipment at stated intervals. Standard Bowls of "Liberty Bells," planted and ready to grow, at the prices quoted, Parcel Post charges paid east of the Mississippi River. Standard Bowls may be had in four colors: matt green, mauve-lavender, blue, and rose. *Full cultural directions are packed with every shipment.*

Standard Bowls complete, \$1.75 postpaid
Standard Refills, 90c postpaid

BRECK'S

85 State Street - BOSTON, MASS.

WINTER INTEREST IN THE OUT-DOOR GARDEN



No. 4. LINCOLN. A fine sturdy Bird-House for bluebirds. \$1.00 each. Height 11 inches; base 5 by 6½ inches.

RUSTIC BIRD-HOUSES

WE STRONGLY urge that Bird-Houses be put up during the Winter-time, preparatory to the arrival of the birds in early Spring. Early placing allows them to become weathered, and the birds will therefore occupy them more readily when they start house-hunting in the Spring.

We are justly proud of the Houses illustrated here. They are made of aromatic red cedar, carefully constructed, and each is especially designed for the types of birds indicated under the illustrations. Bird-Houses should be located approximately 10 feet above the ground. They make ideal gifts.



No. 14. WESTWOOD. A swinging house for all small birds. \$1.75 each. Height 11½ inches; base 7 by 7 inches.



No. 12. READING. Another swinging-type house for all small birds. \$1.50 each. Height 14 inches; base 7 by 7 inches.



No. 5. WOMPATUCK. For bluebirds. \$1.00 each. Height 9½ inches; base 7 by 7 inches.

No. 6. WOMPANOAG. Larger; for nuthatches. \$1.75 each. Height 10½ inches; base 7½ by 7½ inches.

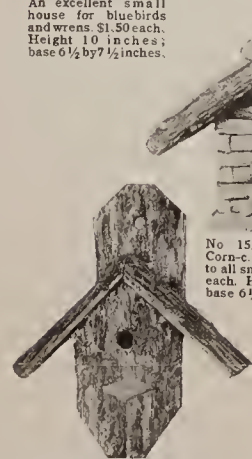


No. 60. PEMBROKE. An excellent small house for bluebirds and wrens. \$1.50 each. Height 10 inches; base 6½ by 7½ inches.

No. 61. HANOVER. Suitable for any small bird. \$1.00 each. Height 7 inches; base 7½ by 7 inches.



No. 62. HANSON. A very popular house for almost all of the small birds. \$1.00 each. Height 7 inches; base 7 by 7½ inches.

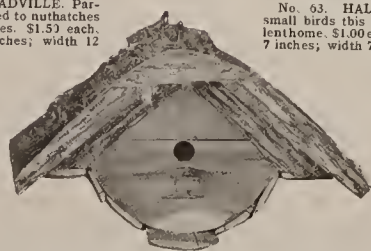


No. 15. TOPSFIELD. Corn-cob design. Suited to all small birds. \$1.50 each. Height 10 inches; base 6½ by 7 inches.



No. 63. HALIFAX. For small birds this is an excellent home. \$1.00 each. Height 7 inches; width 7½ inches.

No. 17. READVILLE. Particularly suited to nuthatches and chickadees. \$1.50 each. Height 14 inches; width 12 inches.



No. 9. ANDOVER. This and No. 8 below are our best wren houses. \$2.00 each. Height 9 inches; width 14 inches.



No. 8. CONCORD. A most popular house for wrens. \$2.00 each. Height 8 inches; width 13½ inches.

WINTER-TIME, to many people, brings about a cessation of all gardening activity, and even interest. This situation is to be deplored, for the outdoor garden in Winter can, and should be, a place of very real interest and beauty. It can be made so by the planting of evergreens in conjunction with berried shrubs, thus creating a sanctuary and feeding-ground for the birds that work so constantly in the interests of every home-owner and gardener. Without birds, our properties would be ravaged by untold pests. There would be complete destruction of every living thing. With them on our premises, millions of insects and tons of weed seeds are annually destroyed. We cannot do too much for our bird friends.

Give them Sanctuary! Give them Homes! Feed them!

BRECK'S COUNTRY LIFE WILD BIRD FOOD

This mixture of seeds and grains has been scientifically blended to meet the requirements of birds that are commonly found in the New England States. The information required to produce this perfect blend of wild bird food has been secured from specialists in wild-bird feeding and from noted bird-banders, who constantly use this exact mixture.

5 lbs.	Special package illustrated	\$0.65
10 lbs.		1.20
25 lbs.		2.25
100 lbs.		8.00

"A bird in YOUR garden is worth TWO in your neighbor's"



Breck's Improved Revolving Feed-Box. This has proved to be one of the most popular feeding stations in existence. Thoroughly tested, and no matter how rigorous the weather may be, this sturdily built grain station affords perfect shelter to the birds while feeding. It measures 24 by 36 inches, is painted white, with dark green roof and trimming, and it comes complete with a 7-foot pole (illustrated to the left). \$9.50 each.

The Midget Revolving Feeder. A pleasing design, similar to the above, but finished in brown stain. It measures 16 by 11 inches, and is equipped with a short stick on which it revolves. Easily erected on top of a clothes-post. \$3.75 each.



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In our regular delivery zone, which includes greater Boston and certain towns adjacent thereto, we deliver FREE at the prices quoted in this folder.

Outside of this free delivery zone, we necessarily must charge postage or ship certain of the large items express collect. Please total your order and add 10 per cent to cover these delivery charges.



WINDOW FEEDING-SHELVES

VERY popular Feeders wherever used, as they permit close-up study of the birds while feeding.

No. 5. Breck's Window Feeder. Designed and built to our own specifications, 25 by 13½ inches, with front rail and glass top to protect birds while feeding. Complete with brass chains and screws. Finished in dark green. (Illustrated directly above.) \$4.95 each.

No. 6. Midget Window Feeder. A small, well-made feeder of similar design to the above, 13 by 13 inches. Brown stain finish. (Illustrated directly below.) \$2.75 each.



BRECK'S AUTOMATIC GRAIN FEEDERS

WE CALL special attention to these Feeders, which are built for us according to our own specifications. Suitable for use against the sides of buildings, on fences, or against the trunks of trees.

No. 46. 12½ inches long; 10 inches high; 10 inches deep. Painted dark green. (Illustrated to the left.) \$2.35 each.

No. 462. Twice as long as the above, but of same height, depth, and finish. \$3.35 each.

No. 3. An excellent feeding station with hinged roof. Capacity, 5 pounds of mixed grain. 14 inches long; 7½ inches deep; 12 inches high. Painted dark green. (Illustrated directly above.) \$4.35 each.



No. 6. Midget Window Feeder

GIVE THE BIRDS A REAL TREAT

The feeding of suet to our bird friends in Winter not only gives them something that they relish, but suet represents a food that is very nourishing and warming to the birds in the severe weather of midwinter when many of our feathered friends die of exposure, hunger and malnutrition. Be humane! Put up Suet Feeders!

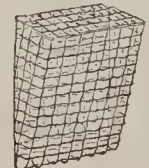
Special Suet Cakes. These contain a variety of seeds, grains, berries, etc., especially selected because of their value as wild bird food. Moulded to fit the suet feeders and food baskets illustrated. 30c each; 75c for 3.

No. 105. Rustic Suet Feeder. Takes the above suet cakes. Height 10 inches. (Illustrated to the left.) \$1.50 each.

No. 114. Wire Food Basket. Convenient and practical device for feeding hunks of suet, bread, etc. (Illustrated to the right.) 40c each; \$1.00 for 3.



No. 105. Rustic Suet Feeder



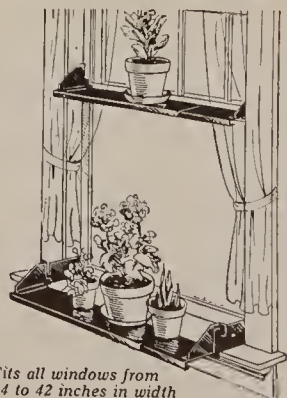
No. 114. Wire Food Basket

SPECIAL ITEMS FOR THE WINDOW GARDEN

The Sunshine Plant Shelf

Neat in Appearance. Easily Installed. Practical and Strong. A Quality Product.

THE Sunshine Plant Shelf is a practical, unique, and decorative device that makes a beautiful window garden possible in every home. It is a matter of but a few moments to change narrow window-sills into shelves wide enough for large flower-pots, ferneries, terrariums or window-boxes. When a second Sunshine Shelf is hooked into place, at the center level, next to the window lock, it doubles the plant capacity of any window, with no interference to curtains or shades. These shelves bring sunshine and health to your plants. To put up or to take down a Sunshine Plant Shelf is the work of but a few moments. Full directions for assembling will be found in each carton. These make wonderful gifts for plant-lovers, as they are adjustable to all windows from 24 to 42 inches in width. Two colors: Ivory and Brown. Price, each \$1.75, postpaid.



Fits all windows from 24 to 42 inches in width

THE SUNSHINE PLANT SHELF



THE OSMO WATER MAT is a really practical device that insures health for your house-plants. Water Mats keep the pot-wall moist by supplying moisture to the bottom of the clay pot. Grow your house-plants on a Water Mat. Daily they will grow more healthy.

Large size, 6-in.,	30c each
Medium size, 4½-in.,	25c each
Small size, 3½-in.,	20c each

SEND FOR FOLDER

AT BRECK'S TWO BOSTON SEED STORES, located at 85 State Street and at 85 Franklin Street, in down-town Boston, complete house-plant departments are maintained. We can supply you with everything for your window garden—pots, potting soil, foliage and flowering plants, terrariums, sprays and sprayers, syringes, plant-stakes, trellises, etc.

PAPER-WHITE and GRAND SOLEIL D'OR NARCISSI

THESE attractive, deliciously scented flowers are extremely easy to have throughout the Winter months. Use a shallow vessel of pottery, glass, or metal; fill it with clean stones or pebbles; nestle the bulbs on top of them and fill with water almost to the base of the bulbs. After keeping them in a cool, dark place for several weeks, bring them to the light and keep them in a cool room until the buds begin to open. By bringing bowls of Paper-Whites to the light at different times, a continuous succession of flowers may be had throughout the Winter. The flowers are exquisitely dainty in texture and form, and a small bowl of several blooming spikes will scent the whole room. As these bulbs are now being grown in America and take longer to ripen on, we strongly advise purchasers to avoid early forcing. Bulbs started from late October on will give much better forcing results.

Early Paper-White Grandiflora. The earliest, largest, and best type of the Paper-White for forcing. Pure white. Extra-large bulbs, 60c per doz.; \$4.00 per 100; \$38.00 per 1000. Mammoth bulbs, 75c per doz.; \$5.50 per 100; \$50.00 per 1000.

Grand Soleil d'Or. Yellow with orange cup; large flower-trusses. Splendid for forcing. \$1.60 per doz.; \$12.00 per 100.

Pebbles, Bulb Fibre, and Potting Soil

The growing of bulbs in Pebbles or Fibre for house decoration, especially such items as Paper-White Narcissus and Early French Hyacinths, has become a very popular pastime. We therefore carry specially selected Pebbles and Prepared Bulb Fibre for the purpose, as well as our Prepared Potting Soil.

Pebbles. Lb. 5c; 5 lbs. 20c; 100 lbs. \$2.50.

Bulb Fibre. Qt. 15c; pk. 75c; bus. \$2.50.

Potting Soil. ½pk. 20c; pk. 30c; bus. \$1.00.



GRAND SOLEIL D'OR NARCISSUS